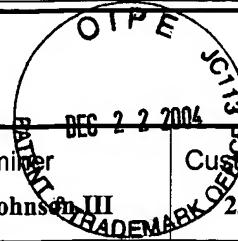


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.

In Re Application Of: Hiroyuki Takahashi



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/616,287	July 9, 2003	Henry M. Johnson, III	23389	3739	9906

Invention: **SURGERY SYSTEM**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 6/16/2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months
from: <u>9/16/2004</u> <i>Date</i>			until: <u>12/16/2004</u> <i>Date</i>	

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

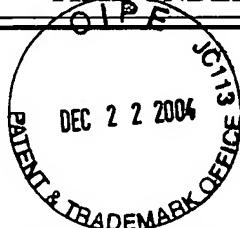
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TOTAL CLAIMS	20 -	20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	3 =	2	x \$200.00	\$400.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$400.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$980.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$1,380.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of \$0.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP in the amount of \$1,380.00

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP

- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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